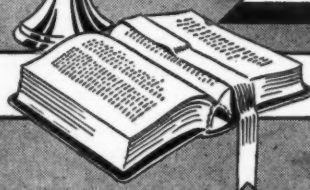


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COVER PICTURE

In this beautiful picture "Old Glory"
is waving high "o'er the land of the
free and the home of the brave."

Right in the center of this little vil-
lage, is the church building with its
towering steeple which can be seen
from a long distance, and every view of
it directs our thoughts ever upward.
The rightful place of the church is
always the center. May God hasten the
day when a real soul-saving station
can be in every little village, hamlet,
and rural section of our nation. With
ninety percent of all our ministers and
missionaries coming from the rural
districts of America, we should love
and appreciate and do our best for
these great lovers of the truth of God

Look at those rolling hills covered
with grain which bespeaks honest
faithful effort of the tillers of the soil.

It seems the devil has captured our
cities, and I don't know what we would
do if it were not for those closer to
nature and to God who continue to
hold on in prayer.

The person who feeds his mind on
poor thoughts will soon starve his soul
to death.

State Camp Meetings and Conventions

State	Place	Date
Alabama	Birmingham Campground	July 6-15
Arkansas	Benton	July 8-18
Delaware	Maryland Campground	July 23-Aug. 1
D. C., Washington	Maryland Campground	July 23-Aug. 1
Georgia	Campground	July 13-25
Indiana	Campground	July 29-31
Louisiana		July 16-18
Maryland	Campground	July 23-Aug. 1
Missouri		July 8-18
Montana	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
New England States	Maine Campground	July 16-25
New Jersey	Brooklyn, New York	July 28-29
New Mexico	Roswell	July 7-15
New York	Brooklyn	July 28-29
North Carolina	Campground	July 13-23
Oklahoma	Shawnee	July 12-18
Pennsylvania	Somerset	July 21-Aug. 1
West Virginia	Beckley	July 23-25
Wyoming	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Western Canada	Outram, Sask.	July 6-15
Central Canada		July 18-28

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

SALO

Deep sorrow struck at the heart of
the Meridian Street, Church of God,
in the tragic death of our beloved
brother and saint, John W. Salo.

Friend of the friendless, Brother
Salo gave his life as martyred as any
of the saints of old. Like our Lord
whose example he followed so faith-
fully during his fifty-five years upon
this earth, he died at the hands of one
whom he had befriended.

He gave not his alms to be seen of
men. Many of his deeds of charity
have come to light since his passing,
and I am sure there are many, many
more.

Brother Salo came to America from
Finland when a young man. He was a
Christian when he came, but I heard

him say once in his testimony that he
did not know about the good Holy
Ghost until he came to America. He
seemed to find this sufficient reason,
which in truth it is, to love all Ameri-
cans.

Not long after coming to America,
Brother Salo met a young girl from his
old country who was alone and a
hopeless cripple. Her parents had died
soon after bringing her to the United
States to see if the doctors could help
her. Brother Salo married her and
cared for her faithfully until her death
many years later.

When he came to Nashville, he was
not long in identifying himself with
those of his own faith. He was one of
the charter members of the Church
of God in Nashville. He fell while
working on the building at Meridian
and Berry, and broke his leg. He spent
many painful months in the hospital.

On Thursday afternoon, a few min-
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Maryland Camp Meeting

The great Maryland camp meeting will be in progress July 23 through
August 1, at the Maryland Campground three miles south of Hurlock,
Maryland. We are working to make this camp meeting the biggest and
best that Maryland has ever had. Rev. Ray H. Hughes, internationally
known for his sincere, spiritual, and forceful preaching of the Word,
will be with us again this year. Our guest speaker from Headquarters
will be Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer. Many prominent
out-of-state speakers and visitors will be with us. We cordially invite
you to attend this great spiritual feast.—O. C. Crank, Overseer.

BIBLE GLINTS ^{and} Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



TURNING OVER THE GAVEL

ATLANTA, Ga.—Dr. C. Darby Fulton, newly elected moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), accepts gavel from Dr. John R. Cunningham, retiring moderator. Dr. Fulton was executive secretary of foreign missions in Nashville, Tennessee, for sixteen years. Dr. Cunningham is president of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

NEW NORTHERN BAPTIST LEADER

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Dr. Sanford Fleming, head of the Berkeley (Calif.) Divinity School, was elected president of the Northern Baptist Convention during its annual sessions in Milwaukee. Dr. Fleming succeeds Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, of Syracuse, N. Y.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR

SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. Jesse Hays Baird, of San Anselmo, Calif., was named moderator of the 160th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. after one of the closest contests for that office in the history of the denomination. Dr. Baird, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, was elected by majority of only one vote on the fifth ballot. He succeeds Dr. Wilbur LaRoe, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

INDEPENDENCE HALL

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"—Patrick Henry.

95 PERCENT OF YOUTHFUL PRISONERS HAVE HAD NO RELIGIOUS TRAINING

Judge Urges Spiritual Care of State Wards

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(RNS)—Judge Harry W. Lindeman, of the juvenile and domestic relations courts of Essex County, Newark, N. J., declared here that ninety-five per cent of youthful offenders sent to corrective training schools have had no religious training.

Addressing the National Association of Training Schools, meeting in conjunction with the National Conference of Social Workers, Judge Lindeman said:

"These youthful offenders generally arrive at the reception centers of a training school utterly lacking in an appreciation of moral standards or values.

"Ninety-five per cent of them have had no regular religious training. They say they know right from wrong, but have no sense of sin when they are wrong. Certainly some few are truly repentant, but most of them seem to be only sorry they got caught.

"Invariably," Judge Lindeman continued, "they blame someone else for their trouble. They are often right in taking this position, since the homes from which they come have, from the time of the child's infancy, set a pattern of indifference to moral standards. Secularism has left its imprint.

"Spiritual values must be inculcated in these children

to equip them with armor strong enough to resist the temptations of modern society. To return them to society with no deeper appreciation of the Ten Commandments than when they were committed is to fall in fulfilling the portion of juvenile court law which in most states provides that when a child is removed from his own home he is entitled to receive the type of care and guidance that he should have received from his own parents."

BIBLE SOCIETY TOTAL REACHES NINE MILLIONS

NEW YORK — (RNS) — A total of 9,310,439 volumes of Scriptures were distributed at home and abroad during 1947 by the American Bible Society, it was reported by the board of managers at the society's 132nd annual meeting here. The distribution included 785,767 Bibles, 2,220,614 Testaments and 6,304,058 Portions, published in 167 different languages.

The society also produced 150,000 Japanese Bibles, an undertaking which required the largest amount of paper ever used in publishing a single edition of any Bible or Testament in the history of Bible production, the report said.

It printed the first edition of the Russian Bible in this country, using the new orthography; exceeded all former years in its distribution of Scripture to the blind; and brought the total of its publication of German Scriptures since 1941 to 4,902,091, nearly all of which have been donated to the German people.

The report pointed out that the Bible Society is faced with the necessity of raising \$2,010,700 in 1948 in addition to its regular budget of \$1,396,496 "to meet definite calls for Scriptures in Europe and Asia, where the doors are now open and the urgency great."

DOGS AND WOLVES

Melancthon mourned in his day the divisions among Christians and sought to bring them together by the parable of the war between the wolves and the dogs. The wolves were somewhat afraid, for the dogs were many and strong, and therefore they sent out a spy to observe them. On his return the scout said, "It is true the dogs are many, but there are not many mastiffs among them. There are dogs of so many sorts one can hardly count them; and as for the worst of them," said he, "they are little dogs, which bark loudly but can not bite. However, this did not cheer me so much," continued the wolf, "as this, that as they came marching on, I observed that they were all snapping right and left at one another, and I could see clearly that though they all hate the wolf, yet each dog hates every other dog with all his heart." Is not this still true—that many professed Christians snap right and left at their own brethren, when they had better save their teeth for the wolves?—J. Spencer.

A sinner may be frightened into hypocrisy, but he must be wooed to repentance and faith.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

Bestowing God's Tithes to the Church

By Alberta Frasea Schwartz



Scripture: 1 Tim. 6:7, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

A new-born baby is a fascinating, lovable object. His tiny helplessness is so appealing. He has nothing to give but himself; just a naked, little mortal, crying and demanding attention. From the time he is born, the infant is bestowed with many gifts. He is showered with material gifts, such as clothes, shelter, and food. Then, too, he is given much love and protection. The parents soon begin to build up great hopes for his future. As the baby grows, he absorbs all this and thrives on it. The child came without a single possession; yet while unaware, many blessings are bestowed readily upon him.

Have you ever observed how earnestly a child will hold on to what he believes is his own? You dare not take it from him, neither does he intend to give up the things that are his. One of the hardest lessons to teach a child is to share his possessions. Many children never learn the beautiful lesson of giving, sharing, and bestowing unto others. I wonder how many in their thirties, forties, fifties, and even sixties, and seventies haven't as yet learned the lesson of bestowing.

Now let us reason together. In God's Holy Bible, from cover to cover, He reveals Himself as a bestower. In the spiritual realm, His benedictions are many. He made the earth, with all its wonderful elements, and presented it to man (Gen. 1:29). He gave man

a part of His own breath, thus making him alive (Gen. 2:7). Then He thought, "Man, you look lonely. You need a companion to love and to share your life." Again God bestowed the gift of companionship.

Let us think of God's many promises. See Gen. 9:13. Noah looked up and saw a rainbow. God made a covenant and bestowed a promise to the whole world. Water shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. We can never forget the promise He made Eve, that her seed would conquer the serpent's seed. How glorious was that promise fulfilled! Israel sinned many times. God was gracious to her, and patient with her continuous backslidings. His spiritual gifts are many, and He is so graciously giving love, hope, faith, courage, strength, patience, endurance, and countless other blessings. How many material benefits does He bestow? We can look about us and count many things. He gives food, shelter, clothes, and comforts not a few. In this life, we surround ourselves with as many luxuries as our financial blessings will allow, yet we brought nothing with us when we came into this world. Accumulation is a natural gift with many of us. It is true some accumulate less than others, yet, as we realize our many benefits, is it not befitting to share our bounties with others less fortunate than ourselves?

How many of us give gifts, not because of poverty, but because of love? How much more should we give to

God and His work, His Church and His cause? Should not God come first? Ofttimes, like little children, we enjoy receiving, and we resent giving. How can a Christian, who readily admits his love for God and the Church, conscientiously neglect to pay one tenth of his earnings to God and His cause?

I have a sister who is not affiliated with any church. She has visited our Church of God. Shouting has not impressed her; powerful preaching fails to penetrate into her heart, but the tithing system that vibrates through our churches impresses her greatly. To her estimation, anyone bestowing good-will offerings, expense offerings, mission offerings, and, above all, a weekly tithe offering must have real salvation and genuine love for God and His soul-winning cause. She is absolutely right.

We read in 1 Tim. 6:7-10 that the love of money is the root of all evil. Nothing can ensnare the body and soul like the selfish love of money.

Picture that sweet, little, innocent baby nestled in his mother's arms, growing up to become a God forgetting, greedy, selfish person. The greediness of the flesh is surely a displeasure to God. The whole earth and the heavens belong to God. He is not poor, but rich. Our lives are in His hands. Our money can be used for a good cause instead of for a selfish purpose. Some have chosen the selfish road, and I can hear Jesus say, "Verily, verily, they have their reward." When they deliberately use all their income for their own purpose, and leave God out, how can they expect happiness in this life or the life to come?

"Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord." Is it not proper and befitting for a blood-bought, Christ-like saint of God to put aside the tenth of his income for God and his cause? Is it not God's will that we share what He has graciously allowed us to possess? What cause is greater than the soul-winning one? Snatching souls from flames that are hungering to consume them in an eternal hell is the greatest work there is. The church is the most important factor in this universe. We, the Church of God are a part of one of the greatest gifts bestowed to mankind. Will we then gladly do our part to spread the gospel and faithfully bestow our tithes and offerings to God's storehouse?



to the CHRISTIANS

By Lassie R. Manley

The outward form of religion, without inward devotion, is an offence to God.

It is also either implying that God is unable to read our hearts, or that He does not care as long as we make an outward show. Such reasoning is either to question God's greatness, or His moral nature.

The outward acts of religion—prayer, praise, the sacrament, and the like—constitute a profession of inward love, gratitude, faith, and reverence. If these are lacking, we are being deceptive and hypocritical. It is bad enough if done to deceive man, but worse if we think thereby to deceive God.

It is mockery to bend the knee and repeat words of prayer to be heard of man as our thoughts stray to business or gaieties. It is bringing holy things to a lower level. We injure ourselves by so doing, and give occasion to the enemies of God to blaspheme.

Some of us think we can continue walking hand in hand with the world, keeping pace with modernism, and indulge in our own private sins, because we can go to God at any time and ask for pardon and be forgiven; but persistence in sin "quenches the Spirit," and Paul tells us, in Heb. 6:4, 6, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." And again, "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission is, there is no more offering for sin," Heb. 10:15, 18. Judas repented before he went out and hanged himself, but he could not be forgiven.

Then there is the sin against the Holy Ghost. "But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation." Jesus said this to the scribes who came down from Jerusalem to taunt and revile Him, saying that He had an unclean spirit because He could heal the sick and cast out devils. Mark 3:29, 30. I had rather take hold of a live wire than to scorn and insult a child of God who is possessed of the Holy Ghost.

We must be careful not to revolt against God's Holy Spirit by giving "lip service," while our hearts are far from Him. If we are to be acceptable in the sight of God, we must be faithful to keep His laws, for halfway measures will not please Him. "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:16. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Have you ever stopped to think what it would be like to see some of our houses with the fronts off? It would be a painful sight to see the wretchedness, impurity, corruption, and vice of some of them. That sight we may escape, but we should see ourselves with the fronts off—those false fronts of self-worship which hide the truth from view. We must look behind the gaily painted scene of a decent "modern Christian" life, with conformity to social laws, and learn the truth of the condition of our soul's life, with conformity to God's laws. We must lift up the covering of religious service, and see if by keeping up with ceremonials they are in relation to the worship of God, or if they

are "sacrifices offered with unclean hands."

Some of us do religiously somewhat like Cain when he hid his brother's body in the ground, then set vigorously to work in his field trying by sheer earnestness of labor to persuade himself and to persuade others that he knew nothing about his brother's blood.

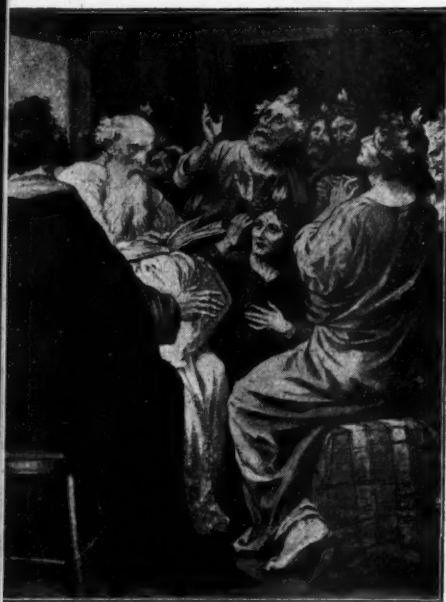
I am not saying that we should not have some form and orderliness in the way in which we carry on the worship service, for it is necessary to have some plan and system in order for anything to function smoothly. For example, this morning on my way to church, I noticed a plot of buttercups in bloom on the front lawn of a home. The flowers themselves were beautiful, but it looked as though someone had thrown five or six hundred bulbs at the lawn saying, "Grow"—no plan, no design. The thought I had was that a very careless, or perhaps lazy, person lived in that house. That is the way some of us are inclined to be about the worship service—no plan, no design. Some excuse this carelessness by saying, "I just let the Holy Spirit have His way." They don't do this or there would be more evidence of the Holy Spirit having His way at times other than at the worship service. I believe in following the Holy Spirit, and I also believe there is no limit to the spiritual growth of a child of God who is truly submissive to God's holy will; but we must "study to show ourselves approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth." I have visited churches where they rarely ever began on time. During Sunday School you would hear something like this: "We are running a few minutes late this morning; we will have to hurry along," or, "we will just leave out this or that." Why do services run late? Could you keep your job in your place of business if you acted in this slipshod manner? Let us not bend over backwards in either direction, but try to keep a balanced program.

Then there are those little secret forms of sin which we take with us to the "solemn meeting"—those inner heart's sins, such as an unforgiving spirit, pride, haughtiness, deception, vanity, self-righteousness, lustful thoughts, etc., the most criminal condition being the long continued sin against the pleading of the Holy Spirit, the impulses we have to do good and don't do it, for the sins of

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The Posterity of Pentecost

James Maloy Goude



Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

The disciples were worried and depressed because Jesus was talking of leaving them, but Christ answered, "Let not your heart be troubled . . . I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."

Most people believe there was a Pentecost but not very many affirm its permanency. Some have said it was real and served its purpose then passed away. Others have explained that there were a hundred and twenty who, through their mental concentrations, were thrown into a paroxysm, and were ashamed of themselves afterwards. Critics yet contend, as did the spectators of that eventful day, that "these are drunk with new wine," but, blessed be God, no one has ever yet, through their insinuations, destroyed the truth of this fact. It is one of God's promises and now as always, God's promises are eternal and as fixed as the everlasting hills.

When the pair fell in Eden, God

said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The promise of that Seed was fulfilled in Bethlehem. The coming of the Holy Ghost was a promise just as certain as this, and was given due consideration by Christ when His mission was completed. He knew we would need a companion, teacher, and guide, so He sent us another "Paraclete," or Comforter. Christ stressed how expedient it was that He go away, so we could receive the power. He saw ahead where we would face infuriated councils, yet He said, "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you (by the Holy Ghost) in that same hour what ye shall speak." This blessing is for the obedient, the apostle said, and due to the holiness of His character He enters only a clean temple.

We must be sanctified vessels unto honor, and ready for the filling. We are temples of the Holy Ghost, and must be inwardly cleansed from defilement before this Person will make His entrance. You don't necessarily have to sacrifice. I have known people to boast of how long they fasted for the Holy Ghost and tell seekers that was their only resort. This is erroneous. They just had not given up so God could bless them. The sacrifice has already been made. The tarrying has already been done. I believe that if a good sanctified man would, have walked in that upper room five minutes before the Holy Ghost came, he would received Him just as those who had tarried for days.

This blessing, or Person, is what makes God's ministers, as flames of fire. By the Spirit they search the deep things of God and are made stewards of such mysteries. It is a promise as infallible as the resurrection, and as firm as the Rock on which the Church stands. The rainbow is evidence of God's unbroken promise. The bells on the fringes of the high priest's garment was evi-

dence of an accepted offering, and the utterances of other tongues is the initial evidences of the Holy Ghost. He is the third Person in the Godhead and is exercising His office duties in the Church. So as He is a person, according to Christ's injunction for Him, it would be absurd to suppose Him to be dumb. Nevertheless, I avow that there are extremists, or fanatics, if you please, who will go too far, but aren't there always, in every walk of life? Ignorance is one reason; delusion, another; but even so, the promise still stands.

Paul suggested that they have interpreters, but forbade not to speak with tongues, thanking his God that he excelled all of them in speaking in tongues. It is not necessary that we have an interpreter every time one speaks in other tongues, for He speaketh not unto men, but God. 1 Cor. 14:2. After all, tongues are for a sign to unbelievers, not for believers.

Many scorned this promise and denied its reality because of the emotion and enthusiasm; and, due to our actions when we are baptized with this fire, they say we are obsessed with devils. At Pentecost it started with such a shout and odd behavior that people supposed them drunk. I know this blessing is real. Since that great Pentecostal day doctors, lawyers, aristocrats, peasants and plebeians have received this glorious experience. The most intelligent men and women have accepted Him as their Comforter on the long road home. This is one among thousands of our heavenly Father's gifts—the gift of the Holy Ghost.

How many, Christ said, of you earthly fathers, should your child ask for bread, will give him a stone? or if he ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then, being earthly fathers, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more so with your heavenly Father, who will give the Holy Spirit to him that asks.

May God help the Church of God to hold fast this truth, of which we have

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The Greatest Need of the Church today

James 5:20: "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The greatest need of the Church today is not a change of pastors every twelve months, not a new fine building, not a pipe organ, not a publicity program that will make it prominent, not a program for boosting attendance, not a trained choir, and not outstanding special singers who will entertain the people with their well-trained voices.

Many churches need at least a part of these things. Some may need a change of pastor or a new building, an organ and well-trained singers. Certainly some need a program that will boost attendance.

The greatest need today is a need for soul-winners—people who will dedicate their lives to the winning of lost souls.

Surely you can see the need of winning souls. Look around your neighborhood. See the many who are lost in sin, who know not Jesus the Savior. Examine the homes of Christians today. See how many of each family are lost. How many children of the community are not in Sunday School? More are out of church than there are in church. Surely you can see the need of winning souls.

Winning souls is a hard job. It requires much preparation and care. It means sacrificing your time and devoting it to others. It requires much prayer and consecration to God. Many times unpleasant remarks will be made to the soul-winners. They will be talked about, even persecuted in some cases. Still God needs soul-winners.

Just think—if every church member would win only one soul a year, every year the membership of the church would double.

Yes, many think church membership is of no value, but just the same God instituted an organization for His people, with a government. Certainly God knows best.

Many Christians wait for the preachers to win all the souls that are won. We must not wait. There are many in your community who have been watching your everyday life. They have confidence in your Chris-

tian experience. You have a great influence over them. You can do more to win them than anyone else.

It takes unity and cooperation of God's people to win souls.

I have had the opportunity of working in some successful revival meetings. In these meetings there are a few things I have especially noticed, things that may be helpful to others. One of the greatest of these is unity of the church. We absolutely must have unity and love for one another if we are to win souls. Suppose a sinner kneels at an altar for prayer, and on each side of him kneels a church member. Suppose these two church members have something against each other. Don't you think the sinner will have a hard time praying to God, with his sins upon him and through the crossed spirits of the church members? Surely he would. Therefore, we must have unity and love.

If you have something in your heart against another person, you certainly are not ready to meet the Lord when He comes for His people.

Another thing that is very prominent in a successful revival is a willing spirit. Never will you be a soul-winner if you have to be begged to work for the Lord. You must be willing to do anything, regardless of what it is, to be a good soul-winner.

One thing that is necessary to the

winning of souls is altar workers. We must be willing to pray at least as long as the seeker will pray.

So many times people will pray three or four minutes, then sit around, laugh and talk while just a few continue to pray in the altar. This surely is a sign of a low spiritual tide in their souls. The revival would be better if that person would leave at the beginning of the altar service.

A successful soul-winner must be prompt and regular in attendance. Be on time—a few minutes early, if possible. Time spent in prayer before service will add to any service. You will enjoy all the service much better. Be regular in attendance. Go every night. Don't go for one or two nights, then miss several. Be regular and faithful.

Spend some time in fasting. His Word teaches more power to be had by prayer and fasting. Be willing to sacrifice for Him.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He did not say when you start you will be soul-winners, but He will make us soul-winners.

We who serve the Lord realize He is soon coming. Therefore, we must put forth a special effort to win souls.

Remember, he that converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death (second death—eternal punishment) and shall hide a multitude of sins.

God will hide the sins beneath the precious blood of His Son Jesus Christ, so let us do all within us to lead souls to Him.—*The Gospel Times*.

An Envious Disposition

MRS. IDA GUDGELL

Text: Gen. 37:11, "And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying."

Jacob had twelve sons, Joseph being seventeen years old. Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his children, because he was the son of his old age. Jacob made Joseph a coat of many colors. This caused the other brothers to have more hatred in their hearts toward Joseph. They were unkind to him and never spoke peaceful. Their temper raised so much that they began to have counsel together how they would get rid of him. Some wanted to kill him and others wanted to put him into a dry well to starve.

We can see God's mercy with them

as He was watching over Joseph. One day, Joseph was drawn up out of the pit and sold to the Midianite merchants for a slave. He was brought into Egypt. The lying brothers had taken Joseph's coat, killed a kid, and stained it with the blood. They carried it to their father and began to lie about the whole thing. They made Jacob believe a wild beast had killed and eaten Joseph. The father mourned and wept.

The same thing is happening today—brothers and sisters betraying each other. Listen, brother, you can't mistreat God's children and get by with it very long. Joseph was lied on

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LIBERTY

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," 2 Corinthians 3:17.

By Rev. J. H. Walker, Editor-in-Chief

"THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION of the thirteen united STATES OF AMERICA."

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness . . ."

Liberty is the state of being exempted from the domination of others, or from restricting circumstances, freedom. The Hebrew words *deror* and *rahabh* and the Greek word *eleutheria* mean liberty. Liberty is the opposite of servitude, or bondage, hence applicable to captives or slaves set free from oppression.

"Now the Lord himself is the Spirit."—Syriac N. T., Murdocks. So where

the Lord is *Lord* there is liberty. Morally, the power which enslaves is sin (John 8:34), and liberty consists not simply in eternal freedom, or in possession of the formal power of choice, but in deliverance from the darkening of the mind, the tyranny of sinful lusts and the enthrallment of the will, induced by a morally corrupt state. In a positive respect, it consists in the possession of holiness, with the will and ability to do what is right and good. Such liberty is possible only in a renewed condition of soul, and cannot exist apart from godliness. Even under the old testament, godly men could boast of a measure of such liberty (Psalm 119:45); but it is the gospel of Christ which bestows it in its fulness, in giving a full and clear knowledge of God, discovering the way of forgiveness, supplying the highest motives to holiness and giving the Holy Spirit to destroy the power of sin and to quicken the righteousness. In implanting a new life in the soul, the gospel lifts the believer out of the sphere of external law, and gives him a sense of freedom in his new filial relation to God, hence the New Testament expressions about "the glorious liberty" of God's children (Romans 8:21; Gal. 2:4; 5:13, etc.), about liberty as resulting from the possession of the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17), about "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). The instrument through which this liberty is imparted is "the truth" (John 8:32). Christians are earnestly warned not to presume upon or abuse their liberty in Christ (Gal. 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16).

Liberty is the fullest opportunity of

There is nothing that appeals to mankind more than liberty, yet nothing so detrimental to human society if it is not directed in the proper channel. There are two kinds of freedom—the *false*, where the man is free to do what he likes; and the *true*, where a man is free to do what he ought. Today as we celebrate, we look backward through the pages of history and see our forefathers as they met in Congress on July 4, 1776, and signed the *Declaration of Independence*. We see them earnestly and bravely facing the conflict before them, choosing liberty rather than bondage; and our hearts are touched by their stirring words, a portion of which is given below:



man to be and to do the very best that is possible for him. This, the oldest and dearest phrase of men, has been perverted; it has been distorted and mystified; but the term really means, as stated above, the fullest opportunity to be and to do the very best that it is his personal nature to do and to be. Genuine liberty, therefore, is found only in a surrender to a higher will. All created things, even those we know to be freest, are subject to law and rule and order. The wind and storm fulfill God's appointed work. The waves of the sea have their bounds set, beyond which they cannot pass, for God is a God of order. In the world of politics, the freedom of a nation, such as ours, does not mean that its citizens do as they please in everything.

In the true home where family life is seen at its best, there is the perfect model of freedom. There the children do not think and act just as they please. Order, rule, method, and direction are all well known, valued, and acted upon. The liberty of the family is the simple, natural, unconscious blending of the father's mind with that of his children and the children's will with that of their father's, the instinctive correspondence of their hearts, the sympathy of their aims, the union of their interest. The children obey; but their obedience is not dreary and dull, for their father's mind and the father's wishes express what they increasingly know to be their own true mind and their own best good. The freedom of children just means this: the power to obey gladly.

Christ exemplified in His own life conduct the highest liberty. He came to do not His own will but the will of His Father. He was under authority, under orders. That was one side of His life, but the other side was one of glorious freedom, for His own will and the Father's will made perfect harmony. His good pleasure never once crossed or clashed with His Father's good pleasure for they were one. Every step that He took was the step of a free man. Every act that He did was done willingly of His choice. He was not compelled to be poor; He elected to be poor. He was not compelled to suffer hunger, hardships, loneliness, man's spite, thankless toil and tears. He could have escaped all that, but He took it by deliberate choice, cheerfully. He was not com-

pelled to lay down His life on the cross. He was Master of death and could have turned it aside. Of His own will He let men slay Him with cruel hands, not because He must, but because He freely gave Himself. The whole charm of His life was its willingness. The glory of it was its freedom. He walked and worked and taught and healed and suffered just as His own glad, great, loving Spirit led Him.

We have no longer tables of stone but fleshly tables; and as Christ obeyed His Father, we are therefore to follow wholly the commandments of Christ. They may seem grievous at times, but remember that the rails upon which the train travels may be rigid, yet they mean safety and carry us into otherwise inaccessible lands.



"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The Spirit of the Lord is everywhere, but He is especially in those who believe in Christ. The believer is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and therefore in Christians alone is true freedom to be found. There is no other place where this genuine liberty may be found. The eternal Spirit still gives this liberty. No social or state emancipation can give real liberty to an enslaved soul, and no tyranny of state or society can enslave a soul that has been really freed. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This is the freedom known and realized when we become spiritually enlightened. What the air is to the bird and

what water is to the fish so the truth of God is to our minds. Truth is indispensable to our lives. There can be no liberty of thought without the love of truth, that quickening and ennobling love which longs for truth, not as the gratification of curiosity, not as the pledge of fame, not as the monument of victory, but rather as that without which the mind can never be at rest or find the meaning and the fulness of its own life.

We can only have liberty, freedom of utterance, holy boldness, and pleasure in the presence of God when guilt and defilement have been purged from our lives. "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" is essential to entering into the presence of the holiest of all. This, of course, is only possible through the blood of the cross. As men yield themselves to God's will, they are proportionately endowed with God's liberty. The greatest men of our nation have been men of religion. What all the secret political societies in the world may fail to do, that the gospel will accomplish, simply and easily, if only it is once let free. The truth as it is, if spread through India, will break India's caste system and make brothers of the highest and lowest ranks of men. Let the truth only win its way among the nations of Europe and the tyrannies shall depart, "for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We are commanded not to use our liberty "for a cloke of maliciousness" (1 Peter 2:16). We have in our nation today men who are disloyal, unfaithful to the true principles of our government, men who infringe upon the rights of others, destroying the lives and property of others, disrespecting the institutions, but excusing themselves, nevertheless, through the glorious privileges of our Constitution. Likewise, there are some people whose names are on the church books, but their purposes apparently are to enjoy the many benefits afforded, without knowing the full blessings of real freedom. In that day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, the rebels of all nations and institutions will be utterly destroyed and the opposing forces of hell will eternally be blotted out. God's people will then enjoy forever and ever eternal freedom.

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



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REMINDED RESPONSIBILITY By Wayne McAfee, Guatemala

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand," Ezekiel 3:18, 20.

I am a privileged man. I am privileged because I am living in the last days. Many boys have told me in my Sunday School classes, "I wish I could have been living in the days of Jesus." Others, less spiritually minded, said, "I wish I could have lived in the days of Abraham Lincoln." But, I should rather be living right now, for I am living in the most important and momentous time—the time of the coming of the Lord. A few people are awakening to the fact that the Lord is coming, because I have been hearing sermons preached, read articles, and heard testimonies of the coming of the Lord. But the majority of the Church, that is, the Bride of Christ, is as the foolish virgins—asleep.

The Lord, in speaking to the church at Laodicea through the Revelator, Saint John, said: "Thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked?" I fear that there are too many churches, and among them our own Church of God, that in these last, final days are too well satisfied with the results they have, saying, "We are increased in goods—we have gained many members in this Assembly year, we have gained much on the field of foreign missions"—when actually in the eyes of the Lord we are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. We are living in the very

last days, for the Lord may come tomorrow, and we must not, as the Laodicean Church, sit satisfied with our own personal gains in the Church when it is certain that there is much yet for which we are responsible.

Again, I am a privileged man because I am a foreign missionary, and as a missionary I beg to submit as the reason for the lethargy and unconcern of our church and other churches that we need to emphasize foreign missions. The chief aim of Christ was to evangelize the world, as the Bible plainly teaches, and if we do not wholly support this cause by giving, praying and going, then, we are actually destroying and detaining the work of the Lord as He willed it to be.

Since we are living in the last days, and we know it, then we should be more mission-minded, instead of less. We should be willing to cast our all upon the altar for the salvation of lost souls—souls for whom we are responsible.

Just in case you may have forgotten what your own personal responsibility is, let us search the Word of God.

During the days of the Israelites, the Lord commissioned Ezekiel to speak unto them some words which were not pleasant to their ears. Just so, I feel that the Lord is commissioning me to write these words to you—the same words that He gave to Ezekiel for the benefit of the backslidden Israelites: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand!"

When the Lord says a man is going to die, it is certain that he will die, for there is no escape. The Bible has

plainly told us that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4), and "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18.) Then, the Lord says, if we know that the wicked shall die, and do not warn him, his blood is required at our hands. It is your personal duty, then, to win souls for Christ or else be held responsible for them. I have a tendency, and probably you do, too, to shirk my duty, saying that this responsibility is not really mine but belongs to someone else. But, the blood will be on your hands just the same.

You who sit at home and cannot see that there are hungry souls all over the world, waiting for the precious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that cannot receive the Bread of Life because of your failure to go to China or Africa or India or the islands of the sea or Latin America, or because of your failure to give to the cause of missions because you "needed" a few luxuries for yourself when thousands are thirsting for the Living Water; or, you have not felt it necessary to lose a few hours' sleep in agonizing and laboring prayer for the salvation of the lost heathen all over the world and for the Lord of Harvest to send forth laborers, it is *your* hands that will have to carry the blood of the lost ones. You need not wait for a special call, for you already have a very personal, imperative responsibility.

Very recently, Brother Luther Carroll and I got on a train in Puerto Barrios, the New York of Guatemala. The train was crowded with Indians, Ladinos, Chinese, Negroes, and practically every other race, for on the coast there is quite a mixture of races. The narrow-gauge train chugged away with its load of people and the cargo of the people, which may consist of anything—firewood, coconuts, pineapples, chickens, turkeys, bananas, pots, dishes, straw, matches, and anything else carryable.

The train stopped at a small station and amidst the cries of the women sellers who meet the train to sell their tortillas and fried chicken, meat, cookies, *refrescos* of rice, coffee, papayas, tropical fruits and vegetables, the people milled on and off the train. A negro woman got on the train with her eight-year-old son. They were talking English. They seated them-

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REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

God to heal me of a cold and cough I've had since November; my sister who has had pneumonia twice this year; my two sons to be healed and brought back to God.—Mrs. A. J. Gunter, Plant City, Fla.

Me to be healed. I am blind and very sick in body.—Mrs. Robert Hayton, Saltville, Va. Me to be healed of head trouble and high blood pressure; my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Whitesides, to be healed; my family to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Luther Bundy, Clover, S. C.

God to save my husband, deliver him from drink, and bring him back home; my children to be saved; me to be faithful; an old-time revival for Pittsburgh.—Mae Coffey, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Two unspoken requests; me to get my hearing back.—Lela Harrell, Detroit, Mich.

The Lord to heal my husband's eyes, also my body; the Lord to undertake for my home.—Ethel Roberts, Toledo, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my wife and me.—E. D. Douglas, Eastman, Ga.

The healing of my body; my two grandchildren; my daughter-in-law to be healed of heart trouble; my husband and sons to be saved and healed; my brothers and sisters to see the holiness way.—A Sister.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and nervousness; Cora Washburn, of St. Clair, Mo., who is very sick.—Clara O'Neal, Desoto, Mo.

Me to be healed; my husband and grandson to be saved; Pauline Smith, who is blind; Ola Heath and Harm Murphy.—Sally Baldwin, Hallsboro, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of asthma; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Thelma Cook, Whar-ton, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me.—Luther Conley, Whitman, W. Va.

Me to be healed.—Rev. Kenneth E. Flowers, Williamstown, W. Va.

Me to be healed. I'm in a serious condition.—Jessie Mae Rose, Hewett, W. Va.

My wife and me. She has neuritis and I have sugar diabetes and high blood pressure.—E. F. Crain, Kansas City, Mo.

A special request for my healing.—Mrs. Dela Walker, Comfort, W. Va.

A very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Lucille Coats, Pioneer, La.

Me to be healed of bladder trouble; my wife to be healed of cancer.—W. V. Henry, Ladonia, Texas.

Me to be completely healed; my financial condition; three unspoken requests.—A Sister, Mayodan, N. C.

My healing.—Mrs. W. M. Power, Weir, Miss.

A very special unspoken request that God's will be done.—Mrs. M. L. Harris, Keener, Ala.

My daughter who is seriously ill and un-saved.—Mrs. Levi White, Corbin, Ky.

God to heal me; my loved ones to be saved.—A Sister, Warrenville, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of weak nervous spells and stomach trouble; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Maggie Sweet, Dillon, S. C.

The healing of my body; two very special requests.—A Believer, Erwin, Tenn.

A young man to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost; my healing.—A Sister.

The healing of Mrs. Sarah Clemons, of Cannel City, Ky.; God to save and heal Dorothy Nipper of T. B.—Mrs. Jessie G. Clemons, Orgas, W. Va.

God to restore my eyesight and baptize me with the Holy Ghost.—Alta Brown, Van, W. Va.

My body to be healed.—M. A. Tate, Crown Hill, W. Va.

Healing for my body; unspoken requests.—Mrs. Pauline Ervin, Mooresville, N. C.

A little girl, Omega Coleman, of Jonesville, La., to be healed of galloping T. B.—John W. Blow, Jena, La.

My sister to be healed and God to undertake in a special way for her; an unspoken request; four young men to be saved; my healing.—Miss Geneva Hubbard, Elizabeth-ton, Tenn.

An urgent unspoken request; the healing of my body.—Mrs. B. E. Chesser, Maccleenny, Fla.

The healing of my baby's body; an un-spoken request.—Mrs. Max G. Free, Fair-mount, Ga.

My family to be saved and healed.—A Sis-ter, Palestine, Tex.

The healing of my little granddaughter.—Mrs. Julia Jones, Lithia, Fla.

Four special requests.—Mrs. W. A. Coster, Picens, S. C.

My grandson who has asthma; pray for him spiritually.—Mrs. Sid Latham, Friendship, Tenn.

Me and my family.—Mrs. J. C. Jarrell, Covington, La.

My mother's healing.—Mrs. Rena Greenway, New Castle, Va.

An unspoken request; me to get back to the Lord. We need God in our home.—Mae Moylan, Detroit, Mich.

Grandma Williams to come back to the Church of God; my unsaved family; an un-spoken request.—A Sister, Bluefield, W. Va.

My mother, who has sugar diabetes; my body; loved ones to be saved.—Marie Bishop, Big Sandy, W. Va.

My nine-month-old baby. He was born with his hips out of place and has bad circulation.—Mrs. J. D. McCoy, Alabama City, Ala.

The healing of my nerves; an urgent un-spoken request.—Zee Hicks, Winter Haven, Fla.

My unsaved children, that God will get hold of their hearts.—A Friend, Middlesboro, Ky.

Me to be healed.—Rev. R. M. Gallups, Ens-ley, Ala.

My daughter to be healed of eczema; my son and daughter to be saved; my father to be saved; me.—Mrs. A. N. Daniel, Sylacauga, Ala.

Me to be healed; my home.—Minnie Dorton, Middlesboro, Ky.

My hearing to be restored.—Fannie Duncan, Augusta, Ga.

much, but suddenly became very pen-sive. After I had delivered my soul to her, I went back to my seat next to Brother Carroll. When the train was entering the village where this neg-ress was to get off, she got up and came toward me. "Sir," she said, "keep up the good work, I—I'm going to accept Jesus as my Saviour." How good I felt. The Lord knew just when the woman needed the story of Jesus. Now, her blood can not be required at my hand; but had I not obeyed the Lord, her soul would still have been my responsibility.

The Lord also told Ezekiel that if a righteous man sin that he too should be warned, and that if he be not warned his blood, as well, shall lie upon our hands.

Here in Guatemala there are hun-dreds, yea thousands of righteous people, but their righteousness is as the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. It is rather a stumbling-block. These people are the Catholics. Their church bells are always clang-ing; their priests and nuns are always honored; their believers are always making pilgrimages, but to no avail, for their souls are still hell bound.

On this same train, not too much farther down the road, another group occupied the seat that the negress had had. These people were Ladinos and Indians, dressed accordingly, but with manilla hats on their heads, highly decorated with red and green moss, gourds and artificial fruit of all sorts. In one Indian family, the baby of some five months had a hat, the three-year-old son had a hat, and the young mother and the father had hats. These hats signified that they had been to a town called Esquipulas. In this town is an image of Christ which is completely black. The priests have offered the believers special penances if they will make this pil-grimage to worship this *Negro Cristo de Esquipulas*, or Black Christ of Esquipulas. It is a long, expensive trip, but because they have been de-ceived to believe it will help shorten their time in purgatory, or help them to avoid many of the agonies of death, as they have been told by a deceiving, money-grabbing, selfish priest, they, for righteousness' sake make the sacrifice to go. Only this morning, when returning from Sunday School, Brother and Sister Carroll and I saw a group of Indians in their typical

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selves in front of Brother Carroll and me, and soon the little train began to move slowly, leaving the crying *vendedores* behind but retaining the smell of the cargo and the humans with us as we journeyed back to the capital of the Republic.

Suddenly, the Lord spoke to me in the still small voice that so many of you Christians know. "Wayne," He said, "there is a woman that needs the story of the gospel. You could tell

her with facility in the English lan-guage." "But Lord—," I began to think, excusing myself. The Lord interrupted those thoughts, continu-ing, "You would hate for her, on the day of judgment, to point her finger in your face and say, 'You sat right behind me on a train and didn't tell me of the precious cleansing blood of Jesus. What kind of a missionary are you? It's your fault that I'm going to hell!'"

I went up to her and began to talk of the love of the Lord. She didn't talk

REVIVALS

21 Saved, 21 Added to the Church

PERRY, Fla.—We are glad to report an old-time revival at Perry which lasted five weeks. The first two weeks of this revival, Sister Lula L. Jones was with us. The Lord blessed greatly, and we feel that much good was accomplished. One was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number were in the altar. Beginning the third week, Brother and Sister Angley began, and this proved a great blessing to the church. In this three weeks' revival, there were twenty-one saved, eighteen sanctified, and fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were baptized in water and twenty-one added to the church.

In every department, our church seems to be progressing. The Lord has been blessing in many ways in our regular meetings. Messages and interpretations have been given. We have witnessed marvelous cases of healings. Our Sunday School has the highest average of any previous record. We are thankful for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Staten. We are indebted to them for the good work of the Perry church.—Helen Pitts.

25 Saved, 23 Baptized in Water

GLASGOW, Ky.—We have just closed one of the best revivals in the Church of God at Glasgow, with Brother Ray Dagnon, of Wallin Creek, as the evangelist. It was the best revival here since the church was set in order. Twenty-five were saved, twenty-two sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. The Lord is still blessing and some have received experiences since the revival closed.—W. H. Saylor, Clerk.

32 Saved, 19 Added to the Church

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—We had with us two wonderful evangelists, Brothers Carr and Carey, of Atlanta, Ga. We had an old-fashioned revival, with plenty of good praying, preaching, singing, and praising the Lord. In the four weeks of our revival, thirty-two were saved, a number were

sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and nineteen added to the church. Our church has been set in order only about eight months. We started with fifteen members, but praise the Lord, we now have sixty. We thank the Lord every day for our pastor, Brother Hays Long. We have a good Sunday School and Y.P.E., also a fine booster band. We are so proud of our young people; they are really on fire for the Lord. We want the prayers of all you praying people that the Lord will continue to bless us in our work here at Oak View Church of God.—Sister Avant.

11 Received Baptism After Revival Closed

COOSA VALLEY, Ala.—The Lord is blessing us here at Coosa Valley. A few weeks ago Brother Taylor and Brother Dollars ran us a revival. Several prayed through. After the revival closed people kept coming to the altar and praying through. One Sunday morning two received the Holy Ghost and in the night service four received the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School has gone from forty-five to seventy-five. Last Sunday morning the altar filled up and people began to pray; the power fell, some receiving the Holy Ghost. It looked as if twenty-five or thirty were rejoicing at one time. Some people think that we can't have revivals today; but we can, if we want one. While God was blessing, some were healed. God is still helping those who will let Him. Eleven have received the Holy Ghost since the revival closed. We want you to pray for us.—Lester Vollrath, Clerk.

11 Saved, 4 Received Holy Ghost

FAIRMOUNT CITY, Pa.—The revival which just closed was a great success. The attendance was good, and a fine spirit was manifested. The presence of the Lord was with His people in an old fashioned way in the singing, praying and testimonies. Eleven were saved, two sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. We also had several healings. The church and community were well blessed and those who attended enjoyed the splendid services. We highly recommend Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Justice.—J. K. Morgan.

11 Saved, 5 Received Holy Ghost

KINARD, Fla.—We are thankful for the revival here at Kinard church. Brother H. H. Holloway was with us two weeks, then Brother J. B. Mitchell, of Altha, was with us two weeks. Nine were saved, five sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Since the revival closed two have been saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, making eleven saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church since February 22. We do certainly appreciate our good pastor, Sister Marie Tharp, and her husband. They have the work at heart. God has blessed us so wonderfully since they came here last June. We have finished the church on the inside, fixed the windows, built new steps, and put a new top on the church. We have a new parsonage, with five rooms and a bath, almost ready to move into. Please pray for us at Kinard.—Carlie Pitts, Clerk.

14 Saved, Church Was Stirred

CHERAW, S. C.—We have just closed a glorious revival here with our evangelists, Rev. H. L. Case, of McCall, S. C., and Rev. R. P. Fields, of Laurinburg, N. C. The revival lasted three weeks. Fourteen were saved and four sanctified. The entire church was revived by the stirring gospel messages brought every night by Brothers Case and Fields. We regret that it came to a close when it did, on account of sickness in the home of our pastor, Rev. W. H. Brewer. God blessed in every service during the revival.—J. A. Graham.

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Testimonies

Praise God for Salvation

DETROIT, Mich.—I praise God today for full and free salvation. I am so glad I am saved. I am on my way to heaven rejoicing and have a greater determination to go all the way. Hallelujah! When Jesus came into my heart, the pleasures and desires of the world had to go. There wasn't room for both. How glad I am that I listened to my Redeemer and turned loose of the things of the world. He changed my life so completely that my close friends would ask me questions about it. I'm so glad I said "yes" to the whisperings of that still, small voice. No one but Jesus could ever do so much for us. I am glad He is no respecter of persons. The good blessings are as free as the air we breathe.

I praise Him for healing our daughter. Oh, how blessed and wonderful it is to have Him reach down and touch the sick bodies of our loved ones. Sometimes I feel like I could climb the highest hill and proclaim to the world how good Jesus is to everybody. So many trample His love under their feet day after day, but His love never weakens. I am happy today and want to live a little more like my Saviour every day. My desire is to be a better Christian, mother, companion, friend, and neighbor, and be led of God daily in all my undertakings. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Bert Smith.

He Is a Wonderful Friend

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—The Lord is a wonderful friend to me. On February 28, I became sick with pneumonia and pleurisy. My condition was very serious. The doctors and their medicine didn't seem to help me, but I knew God was able to heal and I called upon Him. I am much better now and able to be up. The Lord has answered prayer for me many times and I know He is able to do more than we can think or even ask.—Irene Parker.

God Delivers

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—I praise God for the great healing power. I was so sick for about three months until I didn't know whether I would live or die. I believe I know how a lost man or woman is going to feel when they

stand condemned before God. Keep the way as clear as crystal between you and God. It will cause you to have to stand outside of heaven if you don't. Oh, what an awful picture! I prayed and confessed everything and made right everything I knew about and God has so graciously and miraculously brought me through. He has wonderfully healed me. I can never praise Him enough for it all. The coming of Jesus is so very near and there is so much to be done. I can truly say I want the Lord to mold my life to His will. Please pray earnestly for God to bless me.—Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Jr.

He Always Appears in Time

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—This morning I praise God for His love and mercy. He is a friend who sticketh closer than a father or mother. When it seems we have gone the last step, Jesus' gentle, nail-pierced hands seem to appear, and we can hear that soft voice say, "Here, my child, lean upon my arm of love. I will never leave you nor forsake you." I was sick almost a year. I trusted God and He healed me. Everyone pray that I'll be just a humble servant for my Lord and do something to help others along life's journey.—Mrs. Lorine Blizzell.

Thanks Him for Healing

I praise God for His healing power. I had not been well for about six weeks; my blood pressure was low. The other morning early I fell on my face and called on God. He healed me. I also thank God for healing my little girl.—Mrs. H. B. Propst.

Home Changed—Health Restored

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. He means so much to me. I praise Him for saving my husband too. My home is very different now.

I was awakened about 12:30 one morning with awful pains in my stomach and nervous, cold chills. I arose and read my Bible and prayed to God. He healed me. I give Him all the praise for He is worthy. I desire the prayers of everyone that we will go all the way with Jesus.—Mrs. B. F. Hart.

Thankful for the Love of God

HANOVER, W. Va.—I'm glad this morning that I can tell of God's wonderful love. The desire to press on is burning in my heart. He filled me with the Holy Ghost and I am not ashamed to confess His goodness. I have a desire to help others. I praise Him for healing me of T. B.

We need a house of worship here in our community. Pray that God will make a way for us to build a Church of God.—Grace Wall.

God Heals

LOGAN, W. Va.—I am praising God for His great healing power. Recently I was suffering from the flu and was quite sick. I didn't have anyone to pray with me, but I prayed and asked the Lord to heal my body and, praise the Lord, I was healed immediately. Please pray that I will continue to trust Him.—Gertrude Gore.

Healed of Ulcers

BELMONT, N. C.—I am thankful for the wonderful healing power of God. I had suffered for twenty-seven years with stomach ulcers. Many doctors treated me but I was not relieved. The good sisters and brothers prayed for me, and I was strengthened enough to do part of my work. One Saturday night when I was suffering so, I asked God to please let me die, for I felt that death was too near to think of being healed. I went to service on Sunday morning and asked for prayer. At first no victory came, but at the close of the service Brother Adcock and the members prayed for me. Jesus wonderfully touched my body. That has been five weeks ago and I haven't had a pain in my stomach since that time.

I praise God for our pastor and the new work here, but most of all I thank God for His goodness and mercies to me. I also thank God for the great Church of God.—Mrs. Elizabeth Conard.

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TO THE CHRISTIANS

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omission are just as great as the sins of commission, not allowing ourselves to be led into the pathways of God as His Holy Spirit directs, until we rise to heights of actual holiness, "without which no man shall see God."

Whenever we go to church, when we pass into God's sanctuary, we should be our truest and most sincere, laying aside all pride, and humble ourselves, for our souls are naked before God. He can look in and discover our hidden secrets. If the worm of pride and vanity has eaten out the center of our hearts, we appear to Him as hideous skeletons, no longer warm and living bodies, but unclean lepers, putrifying hulks, hateful, an abomination in His sight.

The Lord is coming soon. Let's be ready!

THE POSTERITY OF PENTECOST

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tasted, and our hearts have felt, and our hands have handled of the Word of life; and never compromise, but be always able to say, "Such as I have give I thee." I invoke the benedictions of Christ on this message and pray that these truths will be inculcated into our minds, that we may hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, trusting Him who hath promised to His Church the Holy Ghost and fire.

*"There are people almost everywhere
whose hearts are all aflame
With the fire that fell at Pentecost,
which cleansed and made them
clean;*

*It is burning now within my heart,
all glory to His name,
And I'm glad that I can say I'm one
of them." Amen.*

OBITUARY

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utes after returning home from his work at a nearby factory, he was stabbed with an ice pick wielded by a man whom he had befriended many times in the past.

Men from the company where he had worked for fifteen years asked if they might be his pallbearers. All said with one accord that Brother Salo was the best man they had ever known.

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Our hearts are comforted with the thought that when we get to glory we will meet the smiling face of Brother Salo.—His brothers and sisters in Christ, Meridian Street Church of God, Nashville, Tenn.

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WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

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Not cattle on a thousand hills,
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws,
Not boasted deed in freedom's cause—
All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great.

That land is great which knows the Lord,
Whose songs are guided by His Word;
Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
Where love controls in art and plan;
Where, breathing in his native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—
Thus may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight—man's best estate.

—Alexander Blackburn.

REVIVALS

19 Saved, 7 Added to the Church

WILSON, N. C.—A revival just closed in the Church of God here May 9, 1948. Nineteen were saved, twelve sanctified, fifteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Our evangelists were Brother and Sister A. W. Bradley. Friday night of each week was set aside for prayer for the healing of the sick at the close of the service. Brother Bradley brought the message these two particular nights. Seventeen testified to being healed. Some of our readers will remember Sister Bradley as Sister Minnie Hillhouse.—Miss Daisy Driver.

15 Saved, 9 Baptized in Water

HIGDEN, Ark.—We just closed a five weeks' revival with Lavern Holt, district youth director, as evangelist. Fifteen were saved, five sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, and nine baptized in water. Please pray for us that we will keep moving on for God.—Edith Dedmon, Pastor.

JELLICO, Tenn.—Recently we closed a three weeks revival. Eight were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in every service, and the church was encouraged. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Siferd. The church is progressing in every way. We have remodeled our church and added new Sunday School rooms. Our Sunday School and Y.P.E. are growing.—A Brother, S. C. Kidd.

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AN ENVIOUS DISPOSITION

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and he was put in prison, but thank God, he didn't stay in very long. God bailed him out. We may have to mourn, weep, and pray like Jacob did, but let us stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

We see that something happened to Joseph's brothers who had lied. A famine came upon their land, and they were in need. Being a child of God, Joseph was made ruler over Egypt when Pharaoh was warned by God of this seven-year famine. He stored plenty of food to do through this famine. Soon his brothers in Canaan began to be in need. They heard that there was corn in Egypt, and they all gathered their sacks and went. They didn't know that this great ruler who had stored away corn and who was the general manager was their brother, the one they mistreated, whose life they had wished to take, and whom they sold for a slave. How many years had passed!

Joseph had suffered many unnecessary things because he was not loved by his brethren. He was taken away from his dear old father, put into prison, and lied on, but thanks be to God, the time came when they had to beg him for food. Listen, you can't mistreat God's children and get by. It may be a year, or it may be ten years, but the hour of repenting is coming.

Now, I see these brothers meeting Joseph, begging for corn. He knew them, but they didn't know him, for he had grown from youth to manhood. He was dressed as an Egyptian lord. He had the privilege of putting one of his brothers into prison. These brothers saw the great reunion of Joseph and his old father. Joseph kissed his father and there was joy indeed. It was as if Joseph had come back from the grave. The old father said, "Now I am willing to die, for I know my son liveth." Joseph forgot the ill his brothers had done unto him.

Luke 21:16, "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death." We have an appointment with death, as sure as you are living, and then the judgment. I believe the lowly Nazarene will be the Judge, the One who paid a great price for our souls on Golgotha's hill. This old world is in confusion and getting worse. Let us look up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

REMINDED RESPONSIBILITY

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costumes, with their new, plain manila hats, walking in the hot sun stirring up the dust. They probably had walked all night, and maybe all the day before, to come from the high mountain country. They were on their way to Esquipulas where they would worship the idol, and their hats would be decorated to show their righteousness. They probably didn't have enough money to buy a train ticket, but they will walk all the way, to worship a black idol that has absolutely no power. They are deceived, yet they claim to be righteous. Their souls are your responsibility, too.

Not long ago, in a service, I went back to speak to a young man about his soul, after I had preached. The first question I asked him was, "How is your soul?" He answered me by saying, "I don't know." Later in our conversation he said that he was listening to the *evangelistas* because he was not satisfied with his religion, but he wanted to find the right one. He was

a Catholic, yet did not know whether he was saved or not.

It is to these deceived "righteous" that we must carry the true gospel, and we must warn them of the wrath to come. If we don't, we shall find ourselves responsible on the day of judgment for many souls.

I venture to say, with complete sincerity, if you are not doing all you can for foreign missions, either by preparing to go yourself or giving until you have given practically all you have, or prayed and fasted until you are weak from prayer, for the salvation of lost souls all over the world, then it is your responsibility, of which I remind you. You will have to answer for your responsibility to your Master. We are living in the most important days of history—the days of the coming of our Lord, and we must not become slack concerning the most important business of the Church. Instead, we must raise the blood-stained banner higher, that the whole world may know that Jesus still saves the vilest sinner.

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